

OSO-1192-88

23 September 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Office of Information Technology

ATTENTION: Chief, Requirements and Plans Staff, OIT

FROM:

[redacted]  
Chief, Administrative Staff, OSO

SUBJECT:

[redacted] Building Secure Switch Protection

1. Please take the necessary action to protect an OIT secure switch from an impending asbestos removal project in OSO's [redacted] Building.

2. Removal of asbestos from [redacted] Building will apparently require special protective measures for the OIT switch which controls all [redacted] Green and possibly other secure line services. The switch is located in the area from which asbestos is to be removed, and the removal operation requires that only specially trained and equipped personnel be permitted in the affected area, that nearby heating and cooling equipment be shut down, and that sensitive electronic equipment be protected from airborne microscopic fibers. According to preliminary estimates made by the asbestos removal contractor, OIT/CSS, and other Agency personnel, the switch may be particularly difficult to protect and may have to be relocated, encapsulated, technically monitored, or have other innovative actions taken to ensure that it is not damaged or otherwise taken out of secure service. Agency security escorts, for example, would have to meet the same extensive training and equipment requirements as asbestos workers. Suspension of [redacted] secure line service during the three to four weeks required for asbestos removal is not an option; [redacted] houses OSO's senior management offices and several highly sensitive and important SIGINT operations that cannot be disrupted.

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3. Protection of the switch should be scheduled for the 15 November to 15 December period during which asbestos removal is tentatively scheduled, and timing is critical, since the asbestos removal program has a limited window during which it can be carried out. The removal of asbestos from [ ] Building is required by recent federal legislation which prohibits GSA from renewing leases in buildings which contain asbestos, and the current GSA lease on behalf of OSO for [ ] Building has expired. Further, OSO is engaged in major renovations of [ ] and nearby [ ] Buildings which limit when space can be made available for personnel and equipment temporarily displaced by asbestos removal.

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4. Please advise [ ] AC/IMD/OSO, [ ] on what action will be taken to protect the switch.

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